

Synod Information Sheet

73rd General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church
August 6th-11th, 2009

Ryder Memorial

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Garry Z Cole

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www.ryderchurch.org

1008 Ryder Church Rd.

Bluff City, TN 37618

Our Meeting Place:

The Sanctuary of Ryder Church is small so we plan to use the facilities at The Bristol Trainstation. You can view their web site at <http://www.thebristol-trainstation.org>. In addition to the 30' x 100' meeting room where business meetings will be held,

we will be able to use a second room for committee meetings and other purposes. Wireless Internet will be available. Additionally,



Trainstation

we are planning to rent a large tent that will be used for meals to ensure that preparation and clean-up do not interfere with the business of the Synod. The Bristol Trainstation is located at 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Bristol, Virginia 24201, but most online maps will show the street as Randall Street Expressway.

Getting to the Tri-Cities:

If you are driving and will arrive on Interstate 81, the hotels are at Exits 5 and 7, Bristol, Virginia. Tri-Cities Regional Airport is at Exit 63 of Interstate 81, Blountville, Tennessee. Additional directions will be available on the church web site.

The airport which provides service to this area is Tri-Cities Regional Airport (TRI). You can get ad-

dional information on their services and facilities at www.triflight.com.

You may wish to check fares to Knoxville, Tennessee or Charlotte, North Carolina, particularly if you are buying several tickets and are already planning to rent a vehicle. If you are driving from Knoxville allow 2.5 hours, from Charlotte, allow 3 hours.

Rental cars are available at Tri-Cities Regional Airport from the following companies:

Alamo 423-325-6222 or 800-462-5266

Avis 423-325-6440 or 800-230-4898

Budget 423-323-6304 or 800-527-0700

Hertz 423-325-6200 or 800-654-3131

National 423-325-6222 or 800-227-7368

Enterprise Rent-a-Car (NOT inside airport) 423-323-5897

Accommodations:

We have reserved rooms at the Microtel Inn and Suites Bristol, 131 Bristol East Rd., Bristol, VA 24201 (5.4 miles from Trainstation). There

are 18 suites reserved with a Queen bed and a pullout sleeper sofa. These rooms also have a microwave and refrigerator. These rooms are reserved beginning Tuesday night (Aug 4th). There are 20 rooms with two Queen beds reserved beginning Wednesday night (Aug 5th) but they may be available Tuesday night as well. We will be glad to check if any of those arriving early would prefer

that type of room. Both types of room are available for \$54 plus tax for a total of \$61.56 per night.



Microtel Inn

All rooms have free high speed wireless Internet. These rooms must be booked through the church to receive discount

pricing. These rooms will be held until July 1st so please send your registrations in promptly.

Also reserved are 20 rooms at the Comfort Inn Bristol, Interstate 81 Exit 5, 2368 Lee Highway, Bristol, Virginia 24202 (2.7 miles from Trainstation). You may book through the church, or call

them directly at 276-466-3881. If you book directly you must mention Ryder Presbyterian Church Block to get special pricing. These



Comfort Inn

rooms have Wireless High Speed Internet Access, Iron/Ironing Boards/Hair Dryer, Outdoor Pool, In-room Coffee Service, Deluxe Continental Breakfast, In-room Refrigerators/Microwaves, and are \$67 plus tax for a total of \$76.38 per night.

There are several other motels available if you wish to have nicer or more economical choices.

The Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn are both priced over \$100 a night but have excellent accommodations:

Hampton Inn Bristol

3299 West State St., Bristol, Tennessee, 37620
Tel: 423-764-3600

Holiday Inn & Convention Center

3005 Linden Drive, Bristol, VA 24202
Tel: 276-466-4100

Another economical choice is:

Super 8 Motel

2139 Lee Hwy. I-81 Exit 5, Bristol, VA 24201
Tel: 276-466-8800

It is very important that reservations be made as early as possible. The Virginia Highlands Festival brings a lot of visitors to the area during the time Synod will be held, and there is a NASCAR race in August shortly thereafter. Many people arrive early, and the prices of hotel rooms are raised considerably.

Meals

Meals will be catered by Chef Richard Erskine of the Southeast Culinary and Hospitality College, and he will arrange for serving staff to be available to attend to your needs.

Plated Lunch - Thursday August 6, 2009

Croissant with choice of smoked turkey or chicken salad, chips, fruit, iced tea, lemonade and water, assorted cookies

Buffet Dinner - Thursday August 6, 2009

Southern BBQ (BBQ pulled pork, BBQ chicken), baked beans, corn on the cob, cole slaw, watermelon, rolls, iced tea, lemonade and water, dessert

Buffet Lunch - Friday August 7, 2009

Hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, iced tea, lemonade and water, assorted cookies

Buffet Dinner - Friday August 7, 2009

Honey pecan chicken, roasted new potatoes, fresh vegetables, tossed salad, fresh fruit, roll, dessert buffet, tea and coffee

Buffet Lunch Sunday August 9, 2009

Plated Dinner - Sunday August 9, 2009

Ham and cheese hoagie, pasta salad, dessert, iced tea and lemonade

Buffet Lunch - Monday August 10, 2009

Herb roasted chicken breast, tossed salad, vegetable, rice pilaf, dessert, rolls with butter, coffee, tea, and water

Buffet Dinner - Monday August 10, 2009

Baked ham, oven roasted new potatoes, buttered corn, green beans, rolls,

Buffet Lunch - Tuesday August 11, 2009

Lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, rolls, dessert, tea, water and lemonade dessert, iced tea, lemonade and water

Banquet Tuesday August 11, 2009

Pig Roast: Our banquet this year will be an unforgettable event you are sure to enjoy. Roasting meat over an open fire is the oldest method of cooking known to man, and in the South barbecuing is an important part of our culture. Called a Pig pickin' by many, it centers around slow roasting a whole hog. Good food, good friends, and a warm summer night. Y'all come!

Ladies Day, Fri - Aug 7th

The women of Ryder Church are hosting a day of special events for the ladies on Friday, August 7th. We will be leaving from the parking lot of the hotel used by the majority of those who attend, and will have rides for those who need them. There will be a family friendly play at Barter Theatre's Stage II at 10:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the East Parlor at the Martha Washington Hotel & Spa. Karen Pine, PMU Missions Assistant, will be bringing a devotional after the lunch. The last stop will be the Virginia Highlands Festival. There is a brochure available for download on the church web site that provides additional information regarding these events.

The theatre tickets and the cost of the luncheon will be taken care of by the women of Ryder Church but you must register by July 1st in order to guarantee your reservation. You may wish to bring money for shopping at the Virginia Highlands Festival.

Children old enough to enjoy these events are welcome to attend as well. If you plan to attend, remember not to purchase lunch for that day on the Registration form.

Family Day, Sat - Aug 8th

Join us for lunch at Mama's House Buffet featuring traditional southern "comfort food" served in a casual, family-oriented atmosphere. The buffet will include fried chicken, fried fish, baked chicken or fish with rice, hamburgers and french fries, brown beans, corn bread, spaghetti, vegetables, salad bar, drinks and a choice of desserts.

Come to The Exchange Place and explore a plantation from the 1850's, complete with costumed docents, live music, traditional craft demonstra-



The Exchange Place

tions and heritage livestock. The site was once a community that served as a self-supporting plantation, a relay station

along the Old Stage Road as well as a Post Office. Docents will be available to show you the six log and four timber frame buildings, and a professional story teller will enchant you with tales of yester year. Heritage crafts people will be available to demonstrate the necessities of the 1850's such as basket making, rope making, chair making, caning, whittling, blacksmithing, weaving, spinning, pottery, soap making and apple cider squeezing. Prepare to be transported to another time and place and enjoy the gentle graces of southern living.

For additional information contact Pastor Garry Cole
Phone: 276-669-6143
Email: garryzcole@aol.com

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Ryder Memorial Presbyterian Church

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Meals:

Thursday

	Number of persons		Price per meal		
Lunch					
Chicken Salad	_____	x	\$8.00 =	\$	_____
Smoked Turkey	_____	x	\$8.00 =	\$	_____
Dinner					
BBQ pork and chicken	_____	x	\$13.00 =	\$	_____

Friday

Lunch					
Hamburgers and Hotdogs	_____	x	\$8.00 =	\$	_____
Dinner					
Honey Pecan Chicken	_____	x	\$14.00 =	\$	_____

Sunday

Lunch					
Beef tips / ham / chicken	_____	x	no charge	\$	_____
Dinner					
Ham & cheese hoagie	_____	x	no charge	\$	_____

Monday

Lunch					
Herb roasted chicken	_____	x	\$9.00 =	\$	_____
Dinner					
Baked Ham	_____	x	\$13.00 =	\$	_____

Tuesday

Lunch					
Lasagna	_____	x	\$9.00 =	\$	_____
Dinner					
Pig Roast	_____	x	\$15.00 =	\$	_____

Total enclosed for Meals \$ _____

Accommodations:

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Smoking Room acceptable if non smoking is unavailable

Microtel Inn \$54 plus tax - \$61.56 per night

2 Queen Beds Number of rooms Number of nights Total \$ _____

Suite Number of rooms Number of nights Total \$ _____

Comfort Inn \$67 plus tax -\$76.38 per night

2 Double Beds Number of rooms Number of nights Total \$ _____

I am making my own arrangements for accommodations.

Ladies Day - August 7th (No Charge):

Number attending: _____

Have you registered online through the church web site? Yes No

If no, please list name of those registering and a telephone number

Family Day - August 8th:

Number attending: _____

Have you registered online through the church web site? Yes No

If no, please list names of those registering and a telephone number

Ages 13 - 60: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____ Ages 3 - 12 or over 60: _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

No charge for those under three.

Total enclosed for Accommodations and Meals and Family Day: \$ _____

Send total by check payable to Ryder Memorial Presbyterian Church (or "Ryder Church") and mail it to the church at 1008 Ryder Church Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618 by June 15.

If you are interested in participating in a synod choir and/or concert, please check here.

Transportation:

I will require transportation from/to Tri-Cities Regional Airport. Yes No

Arrival Date: _____ Airline: _____ Flight # _____ Time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Airline: _____ Flight # _____ Time: _____

Correspondence: Your registration and all mail concerning food, lodging, optional events, etc. should be sent to: Ryder Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1008 Ryder Church Rd., Bluff City, TN 37618. For additional information contact Pastor Garry Cole at 276-669-6143 or email at garryzcole@aol.com

Official correspondence to Synod, including excuses and letters certifying the voting elder delegate from your church, should be sent to: Office of the Stated Clerk, Bible Presbyterian Synod, Rev. John Dyck, 12217 - 37 Street, Edmonton, AB Canada T5W 2C6